

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 with:

Figure 1 shows a side view of a switching chamber housing with a spindle drive;

On page 3, beginning at line 22, insert the following paragraph:

Figure 3 shows another embodiment of a side section through the spindle drive

having isolation rods, and

Figure 4 shows an embodiment of a side section through the spindle drive in which

each pole has a separate spindle and a separate drive.

On page 6, replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 with:

In the embodiment explained above, the spindle and the associated drive components are located in the gas area of the switching chamber housing. As shown in Fig. 3 and according to one alternative embodiment, it is also possible by virtue of the geometric configuration of the spindle drive for the individual phases to be passed out of the switching chamber housing 1 in an isolated form. This is expediently achieved by means of the isolation rods 15, which are passed through the wall of the switching chamber housing 1 through sealed apertures, with the connecting yoke 13, the spindle 10, the spindle nut 11, the spindle nut housing 6, the bearing 7, the guide bolts 22, the linear guide 12 and the position indication 8 being arranged outside the switching chamber housing 1 in this alternative embodiment.

On page 7, replace the paragraph beginning at line 4 with:

In the exemplary embodiment described above, a single drive + a single actuation means are used for the operation of a plurality of phases (poles).

Alternative, and as shown in Figure 4, the following variants are possible:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheets include additional features as recited in the claims. Please add the attached sheets in supplement to the original drawing sheets.

Attachments: Two (2) New Drawing Sheets